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Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are thirty-one (31) sheets of formal drawings with (Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29A, 29B, and 30, submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings are provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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